HAPPY PLATYPUS
How you can help an iconic Australian.

1. **REDUCE WATER CONSUMPTION**
   Limit showers and watering garden times. Platypus rely upon permanent water to feed and mate.

2. **CLEAN UP RUBBISH**
   In and around waterways to keep the water clean and clear.

3. **CUT CIRCULAR RUBBISH**
   Cut rubber bands, hair ties and other rings that can entangle platypus and other wildlife.

4. **REHABILITATE BANKS**
   Replant native vegetation along the banks. This will help stabilise the banks for platypus burrows.

5. **LEAVE LOGS**
   Leave logs and branches in the waterways. It creates habitat for the food items platypus eat.

6. **EXCLUDE LIVESTOCK**
   Fence off livestock from the waterway. This will help minimise bank erosion where platypus burrow.

7. **WEED REMOVAL**
   Along banks (in conjunction with rehabilitation) and instream. Clean out aquatic weeds such as Elodea and Salvinia.

8. **FISH RESPONSIBLY**
   Properly discard unwanted fishing line. Look out for platypus, they can become hooked.

9. **USE WILDLIFE FRIENDLY YABBY NETS**
   Use wildlife friendly alternative nets such as Open Top Nets instead of enclosed yabby traps (Opera House Nets) which drown aquatic air-breathing mammals.

10. **RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP**
    Control dogs around waterways especially at dawn and dusk.